the Municipality maintained the roads. But you assured me that that is not so. As a rule—it is a very good rule too—tolls should be levied only in return for services rendered. I am not aware what service the Municipality renders to motor traffic. Motor vehicles are not milch cows.

In regard to canals and roads, I shall ask the Chief Engineer to pay attention to those which are maintained by the Government. As for side canals that intersect your town, if they are maintained by the Public Works Department, I shall ask the Public Works Department to go into the matter.

Pokkuvaravu forms are issued from Sub-Registrar's offices and Taluk Cutcherries because there is a change of registry of lands. The change has to be noted in the Taluk Cutcherry registers. That is not the case with the Municipal Office.

MEMBER: The purpose served by both is the same.

DEWAN: May be. I do not see why the general revenues of the State should be made to meet the cost of the supply of such forms to the Municipality. But I have a suggestion to put to you. That is, when an applicant from within the area of a Municipal Council comes to effect the transfer of land, he may be asked to bring two *Pokkuvaravu* forms so that you can utilise one.

MEMBER: It is only the Sub-Registrar who can enforce it.

DEWAN: Yes. He can enforce it at your request.

MEMBER: We have no power to ask him to enforce it.

DEWAN: But the Government can place your suggestion before the Sub-Registrar. You can apply to Government for sanction to the proposal.

In regard to revenue from *poramboke* lands, the fact that you have put up sheds and collected fees from pilgrims does not establish your right to the revenue. I think there is a provision in the Municipal Regulation which enables the Municipality to levy license fees for temporary occupation. It is a matter of doubt whether there can be such taxation at all. If you like, I will have that point examined to see whether municipalities are entitled to collect fees.

149. Needs of the Alwaye town.

MR. M. K. GOVINDAN (*Member, Municipal Council, Alwaye*) first spoke about the need for the construction of a bridge across the Alwaye river. In reply to the representation made by Mr. Khadir Makkar on the same subject, it was stated that, as the estimate for the bridge amounted to over three lakhs, the work could not be started for some time to come. The bridge was absolutely necessary, and, in its absence, the people were put to much hardship and inconvenience. It was very dangerous to cross the river in ferry boats during the rainy season. The question of constructing the bridge should be reconsidered and provision made for the same in the next year's budget.

The portion of the Alwaye river between the Railway bridge and Tottakattukara Church landing was being gradually silted up ever since the floods of 1099. Consequently, that portion had become quite unfit for navigation, in spite of the annual dredging operations carried out by the Government. That work was of no lasting benefit but was a source of temporary inconvenience to boat traffic. Some suitable measures, such as obstructing the sand by a screen in the upper reaches of the river, should therefore be adopted to prevent the silting up of the river.

The seven liquor shops within the Alwaye Municipal limits should be removed outside the town. Although a resolution to that effect had been passed by the Municipal Council and the same was submitted to the Government, no satisfactory reply had been given. The Government should carefully consider the matter and order the early removal of the shops to outside the Municipal area.

Special licenses were being issued for the sale of liquor on the Alwaye riversands during the summer months and in connection with the *Sivaratri* festivals. No substantial gain was derived by such system, but on the other hand it had a demoralising effect on the people crowding there on those occasions. The system had been stopped for the current year. But that was not sufficient. A definite ruling permanently abolishing the practice should be passed.

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There was a boarding house attached to the Advaitasrama Sanskrit School at Alwaye, built at a cost of about Rs. 25,000. At the time of erecting the building, no building grant was applied for by the management. Besides, a sum of Rs. 200 per month was being spent by the school authorities on the boarding house, while the grant allowed to the school by the Government was only Rs. 80. Adequate building and boarding grants should therefore be sanctioned.

Another need of the Alwaye town was the extension of the P. W. D. staff quarters road to meet the Hospital-Trikunnur road. If the first-mentioned road be extended by half a furlong, it could be connected with the Vengola road. The extension would be very useful to the inhabitants of the locality and the merchants. The matter was represented at the last session of the Assembly also.

The road to the south of the Vernacular Middle School terminated at the railway line; but in order to reach that road by carriage the people on the northern side of the railway line had to travel a distance of two miles. In order to connect that road with the road on the eastern side of the railway line it had been suggested that an overbridge should be constructed at a cost of about Rs. 30,000, according to an estimate prepared by the Railway authorities. That was a costly scheme and should be abandoned. It would be enough if the first mentioned road be extended further south to a distance of about three-quarters of a mile so as to connect it with the existing overbridge.

On account of the absence of a well at the local Travellers' Bungalow, the officers and others occupying the same were put to much inconvenience. During the rainy season, pure water was not easily obtainable ; and during the summer season, drinking water had to be obtained from the river. A well should be sunk in the premises of the bungalow.

Only a small part of the Alwaye market was fit for use. The local Assistant Excise Commissioner's office was jutting into the market. That was a source of inconvenience both to the market and the office. That office should be removed elsewhere.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Govindan, as you heard me remark before, a costly bridge across the Alwaye river is not practicable at present for financial reasons. As to the question of the silting of the Alwaye river between the Railway bridge and Tottakattukara church, you offer a very simple solution and that is a screen or something to stop the silt put up at Alwaye Railway bridge. Possibly it may occur to you that this may lead to silting up somewhere further up or further down or at the bridge. What benefits you may ruin someone higher up. I doubt whether anything can be done except depend upon nature.

With regard to the abolition of special licenses for the sale of liquor on the river-sands during *Sivaratri* festivals, I am glad to see that you are aware that these have been abolished and so I am sorry to say that you wasted a good deal of time on that subject in your speech.

Regarding building and boarding grants for the Advaitasrama Sanskrit School, I find it gets a grant of Rs. 500 already and that is in excess of what the rules allow for Vernacular Schools. For building grants, I suggest to you to make out a case to the Director of Public Instruction who will do the needful in accordance with the rules.

You ask that a well be sunk at the Travellers' Bungalow. I suppose you mean the camp-shed and you suggested that I suffered from want of water. But I had plenty of water. I do not know where it came from. However, I shall be very happy to try and meet your wishes. In the Government camp-shed, and all round there, the only difficulty is that a few feet down there is rock.

You ask for the removal of the Excise office. The matter has been decided upon already.

All other points will receive attention.

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